

Press Release

IIMA Celebrates the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

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Equal Opportunities Student Committee (EOSC) of the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) by hosting a Poster Making Competition. The event, organized by EOSC in collaboration with other IIMA student clubs – Finesse, SMILE and Prayaas, witnessed enthusiastic participation from school students under IIMA’s community outreach programme as well as from other members of the IIMA community.

This year’s theme for IDPD was empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and diversity with the help of universal design. In line with the theme, the participants were shown a video of specially-abled students at IIMA and how inclusive practices can go a long way in ensuring an equitable environment for all. To further sensitize the participants, the themes for the various age groups were centered around disability and the participants were given Braille paper to design their posters.



Mr. Tarun Vashisht, one of the organizers of the event and a doctoral student at IIMA, emphasized on the importance of universal design, a form of organizational design that facilitates the use by everyone. He also said, “there will always be impairment. But there is a difference between impairment and disability. If a person is wheelchair bound, but the place is wheelchair accessible, his or her disability is diminished. Thus, in an ideal society, there can be impairment without any disability. This has to be understood.”

Mr. I L Chitkara, a member of the Managing Committee of the Blind People’s Association and one of the judges for the event commented that such competitions aimed at young students would “not only sensitize the children at an early stage, but also help them grow into compassionate human beings”.

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